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TO AMEMBASSY ATHENS IMMEDIATE

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TAGS: MMOL, GR, MASS

SUBJECT: SALE OF REDEYE/HAMLET MISSILES TO GREECE

REF: ATHENS 2708, STATE 064859

FOR AMBASSADOR KUBISCH FROM SISCO

1. AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE OCCASION, YOU SHOULD SEEK A PRIVATE MEETING WITH AVEROFF TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HIS KEEPING YOU CLOSELY INFORMED ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE AEGEAN AND TO REITERATE UTMOST IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO EACH SIDE'S EXERCISING RESTRAINT AND AVOIDING INCIDENTS WHICH COULD ESCALATE INTO SERIOUS CONFLICT. IN THIS CONTEXT YOU SHOULD TAKE OPPORTUNITY TO REFER TO YOUR EARLIER

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CONVERSATION WITH HIM (ATHENS 2708) IN WHICH YOU SOUGHT AND RECEIVED ASSURANCES REGARDING HANDLING OF REDEYE MISSILES. YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT IN YOUR VIEW IT WOULD

OBVIOUSLY BE PARTICULARLY UNFORTUNATE WERE AN INCIDENT
TO TAKE PLACE IN THE AEGEAN AREA INVOLVING USE OF THIS
CATEGORY OF EQUIPMENT, AND THAT U.S. VIEWS THE ASSURANCES
GIVEN BY AVEROFF IN THIS SENSE.

2. FYI PENDING REPORT OF YOUR CONVERSATION WITH AVEROFF,
100 HAMLETS FOR GREECE ARE BEING TEMPORARILY HELD IN
RAMSTEIN. END FYI. KISSINGER

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